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WITH A FOCUSED ION BEAM (AS AMENDED)

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RESPONSE TO PCT WRITTEN OPINION

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Commissioner:

In response to the PCT Written Opinion dated April 27, 2001, the Applicant respectfully submits the following Amendments and remarks in accordance with Rules 66.8 and 66.9.

In the Title

To correct a typographical error in the title, please replace the current title "Method Apparatus and Article of Manufacture for a Branding Diamond Branding With a Focused Ion Beam" with "Method Apparatus and Article of Manufacture for Branding a Diamond With a Focused Ion Beam".